



**Agenda Date: 7/7/99**

***State of New Jersey***  
**Board of Public Utilities**  
Two Gateway Center  
Newark NJ 07102

I/M/O THE ENERGY MASTER )	ENERGY
PLAN PHASE II PROCEEDING )	ORDER
TO INVESTIGATE THE FUTURE )	Docket Nos. EX94120585Y ,
STRUCTURE OF THE ELECTRIC )	EO97070455 EO97070456,
POWER INDUSTRY )	EO97070457, EO97070458
	EO97070459, EO97070460
	EO97070461 EO97070462,
	EO97070463, EO97070464
	EO97070465, EO97070466

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD:

This Order memorializes actions taken by the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") at its regularly scheduled agenda meeting of July 7, 1999. It concerns electric restructuring timelines and electronic data interchange (EDI) informational issues.

Because of the thousands of daily business transactions which the Board expects to transpire as a result of the electric industry restructuring, the parties, through the Working Group process and with prior Board approval, have been developing an electronic data interchange process to automatically and efficiently deal with the dissemination of these volumes of information. The parties have been diligently identifying and developing the electronic transactions and protocols required and, the utilities and suppliers have been programming the processes as they become known. Nevertheless, as a result of discussions among the electric restructuring participants and in particular, through the Working Group process, it has become clear that the electric utility (EDC) and electric supplier (EGS) computer systems will not be programmed, tested and ready to perform all electronic data interchange transactions in the August 1999 timeframe, as had originally been anticipated.

As a result, again through the working group process, the parties worked with Staff, and its EDI consultant, to devise the following proposed, preliminary implementation schedule.

Aug. 1, 1999	-	Customers begin enrolling with electric generation suppliers
		Begin EDI testing between EDCs and EGSs
Oct. 25, 1999	-	EGSs forward enrollment requests to EDCs
Nov. 14, 1999	-	First delivery of EGS electric supplies
Dec. 14, 1999	-	First billing for EGS services

The Board is of the view that the proposed schedule is reasonable and will allow for sufficient time for development and testing of the necessary electronic data interchange systems. In addition, the schedule will provide an opportunity for development and distribution of Utility Education Committee informational literature, formulation of call center instructions and creation of customer enrollment packets.

Accordingly, the Board, HEREBY ADOPTS the aforementioned, proposed schedule for use by the various education committees and working groups.

The second area of Board action concerns providing certain EDI information, in draft form, to the public, through the BPU website. At the current time, EDI transactions, process flows and protocol information are being developed by the EDI working group. The Board expects this information to be available for consideration by the Board at an agenda meeting later this month and for the Board approved information to be available in final form by the end of July, 1999. However, the Board believes that there are a number of potential electric suppliers, who are not active in the working group process, that should be made aware of the developing EDI protocols and processes at this time, in order to make intelligent decisions about whether to participate in the New Jersey competitive market. We emphasize that this is not customer specific information, but rather the generic formats which are the basis for the computer programming which will be required to operate in the competitive market. Therefore, the Board DIRECTS Staff to make available to the public through the BPU website,

currently available, draft EDI documents. This information shall clearly indicate that it is in draft form and subject to change and that the final documents will be posted on the website after they are approved by the Board. We believe that experienced, potential marketers would welcome these documents, at this time, and be able to use them responsibly. As soon as final documents are available and approved, they will replace the drafts on the website. The BPU website can be found at [www.njin.net/njbpu](http://www.njin.net/njbpu).

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